

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MONROE, LOUISIANA

SEPTEMBER 24, 1968

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 22 and 23, 1968. (2)
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 19 and 20, 1968. (2)
3. ✓ Commission confirmation of designated areas for Special Scaup Season to be held in La., as designated by U.S. Dept. Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. - Waterfowl - (2)
4. ✓ Approval of opening additional portion, Ward 6, Tensas Parish to either sex deer hunting during 1968-69 Season. (4)
5. ✓ Approval for A.J. Brouillette to conduct boundary line survey on newly acquired 4,000 acres on Red River W.M.A. B.M.A. (5)
6. ✓ Approval for right-of-way for Tensas Basin Levee District on the Commission's boat launching ramp land, Franklin Parish. (6)
7. ✓ Approval of Tensas Basin Levee District's application for land damage release on Catahoula Lake diversion channel on Saline W.M.A. B.M.A. (8)
8. ✓ Approval requesting State Mineral Board to advertise for mineral lease on Russell Sage W.M.A. (application made by Mustang Oil Co.) B.M.A. (10)
9. ✓ Instruct Commission Attorney to investigate legality on releasing privately owned minerals on Russell Sage W.M.A. from Commission supervision. B.M.A. (11)
10. ✓ Approval to request the Research Division of the College of Business of Administration of L.S.U. to study and make a report on the economics of the shell industry in Louisiana. (13)
11. ✓ Approval of quit claim deed for 3 acres of land on the Waddill W.M.A. B.M.A. (15)
12. ✓ Approval to request the La. Div. of Admin. to advertise for bids on the sale of 14 buildings on Red River W.M.A. B.M.A. (17)

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13. ✓ Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5937, with J.T. Richardson Company, Inc. for construction of concrete boat launching ramp, gravel surfaced parking area, approach channel and docking slip, timber pier and entrance road on Lake Bistineau Bienville Parish and an extension of time to date of acceptance. (19)
14. ✓ Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5929, with Gerald J. Patin, d/b/a Patin's Concrete Works, contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and parking area on left descending bank of Mermentau River at Grand Chenier, Cameron Parish and an extension of time to date of acceptance. (20)
15. ✓ Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5961 with Kingston Construction Co., Inc., for construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and parking area on Commercial Canal, Iberia Parish and an extension of time to date of acceptance. (21)
16. ✓ Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5918, with Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc. for construction of a levee and control structure on Saline W.M.A., Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes and extension of time to date of acceptance. (22) *S.M.A.*
17. ✓ Acceptance of bids on construction of fence on Bodcau W.M.A. - low bidder, Hurricane Fence Company, \$24,940.00 (23) *S.M.A.*
18. ✓ Approval to enter into lease agreements with R.E. Vernon and Jinks S. Williams for 14 acres of land for camping areas on Jackson-Bienville W.M.A. (25) *S.M.A.*
19. ✓ Acceptance of bids on spraying hyacinth by aerial application on land south of Houma - low bidder, Roane Flying Service (26)
20. ✓ Approval for La. Hwy. Dept. to finish airstrip on Saline W.M.A. at a cost of \$802.20. (27) *S.M.A.*
21. ✓ Authorization for Rapides Parish Police Jury to construct an access bridge on the west side of the Saline W.M.A. (29) *S.M.A.*
22. ✓ Discussion of possibility of Commission purchasing land of Mr. Prevot on Waters Lake, adjoining Russell Sage W.M.A. (30) *S.M.A.*
23. ✓ Request of Mr. Earl Barham for doe deer season in Coulee Refuge Area. (31)

24. OTHER BUSINESS

Reiley Lafoon of Ouachita Hunters Assoc. and Northeast Coon Hunters Assoc. commented and thanked the Commission for allowing the coon hunt. (32)

Resolution instructing deer survey be made in Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parish. (33)

Resolution instructing investigation be made on Mount Bayou Area. (34)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Monroe, Louisiana on Monday and Tuesday, September 23 and 24, 1968.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. Monday's meeting was an informal session, open to the public and held in the meeting room of the District II Monroe office at 2:00 P.M.

The public formal meeting was held on Tuesday, September 24, 1968, at 10:00 A.M., in the LaLouisianne Room of the Ramada Inn Motor Inn, Monroe, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

H. B. Fairchild

Clarence A. Guidry

Hobson Norris

Jimmie Thompson

Mr. John Edwin Kyle, Jr. was absent for the Monday, September 23rd meeting, but present for the Tuesday, September 24th meeting.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. by welcoming the visitors in the audience as well as thanking the people of Monroe for their kind hospitality in assisting the Commission in the various preparations for the meeting. In the audience were many local civic leaders and state legislators of the Monroe area.

Chairman Jones stated the first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of July 22 and 23, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the minutes of the meetings of August 19 and 20, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Richard Yancey to explain the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said the next item dealt with the finalization of the waterfowl hunting regulations on the Special Scaup Season to be held in Louisiana, January 16 through January 31, 1969. Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission is very dissatisfied with the duck season and the overall waterfowl season for the coming year. The Commission asked for a special teal season, the continuation of the bonus scaup during the regular season, and an open season on Canada goose, but all of these requests were denied by the U. S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. Mr. Yancey recognized the fact that had it not been for the excellent assistance of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the State of Louisiana would be experiencing an even more restrictive waterfowl season for the coming season. Mr. Yancey continued by telling that Louisiana was under the impression that the special scaup season would be statewide, but the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declared the season to be open in only four lakes of Louisiana, all being in the New Orleans area. The special scaup season will be open in no other areas, except the designated areas which are Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne, Lake Salvador and Lake Cataouatche. Mr. Yancey recommended the Commission confirm the four lakes designated by the Service by formal action.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of the Interior has specified that it will allow a Special Scaup Hunting Season on the open waters of Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne, Lake Salvador and Lake Cataouatche, beginning on January 16, 1969 and extending through January 31, 1969, with a daily bag limit of 5 scaup and a possession limit of 10 scaup, and

WHEREAS, it is mandatory that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission confirm these and all other federal regulations pertaining to the establishment of this Special Scaup Hunting Season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt all of the waterfowl hunting

regulations established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that apply to this Special Scaup Hunting Season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this season shall be opened only on the open waters of Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne, Lake Salvador and Lake Cataouache, beginning on January 16, 1969 and extending through January 31, 1969, with a daily bag limit of 5 scaup and a possession limit of 10 scaup, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the taking of scaup from the shore lines, surrounding marshes, or waterways connecting these four (4) lakes is hereby prohibited.

Mr. Yancey continued by telling the Commission of the Tensas Parish Police Jury's resolution request for the opening of an additional portion of the parish in Ward 6 to either sex deer hunting during the forthcoming season. Mr. Yancey said the proposal has been examined and found that this particular area has a history of crop damage; therefore, Mr. Yancey recommended Commission approve the additional area of Ward 6 of Tensas Parish to be opened to either sex deer as requested by the Tensas Parish Police Jury.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received a request from the Tensas Parish Police Jury, by resolution dated September 10, 1968, for an antlerless deer season in a portion of Ward 6 for the 1968-69 deer season to conform with the antlerless

deer season previously established in other areas of Tensas Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare an antlerless deer season in that portion of Ward 6, Tensas Parish, lying West of State Route 568 and north and east of State Route 573. Said season shall open the first five (5) days of the first segment of the regular deer season, beginning November 23, 1968 and the first ten (10) days of the second segment of the regular deer season, beginning December 26, 1968. Buck season on said area shall remain as previously established, November 23 through December 15, 1968 and December 26, 1968 through January 12, 1969.

Mr. Yancey then explained that the Commission recently purchased a 4,000 acre tract adjoining the Red River Wildlife Management Area. He said Mr. A. J. Brouillette of Natchitoches, Louisiana conducted the original boundary line survey of the original 12,600 acre tract of the Red River Wildlife Management Area under the supervision of the Department of Public Works; therefore, it is recommended that the same consulting engineer be assigned to this project to work under the Department of Public Works. Mr. Brouillette has estimated the survey of this additional portion of land to cost between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00, at the same hourly rate as charged for the Red River Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Yancey said that if the Commission approves of this boundary line survey, the work will be supervised by the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following

resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission recently acquired 4,000 acres of land to be added to the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, and

WHEREAS, the boundary line survey for the 12,600 acre Red River Wildlife Management Area was conducted through the Louisiana Department of Public Works by Mr. A. J. Brouillette of Natchitoches, Consulting Engineer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to have a boundary line survey conducted by Mr. A. J. Brouillette of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the newly acquired 4,000 acre tract of the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, Louisiana. In accordance with Mr. Brouillette's letter of September 12, 1968, addressed to the Louisiana Department of Public Works, it is understood that the estimated cost of the entire survey of the 4,000 acre tract will be between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00, at the same hourly rate as charged for the Red River Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey next explained to the Commission that a request had been received from the Tensas Basin Levee District for a right-of-way across the Commission's boat launching ramp located

on the Tensas River in Franklin Parish. The Tensas Basin Levee District has made this request in conjunction with their channel clearing and bank snagging project on the river which will require heavy equipment to be transported along the top of the river bank. Mr. Yancey recommended Commission approval on this matter provided the Tensas Basin Levee District adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement for the protection and interest of the Commission property.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Tensas Basin Levee District is presently in the process of conducting a channel clearing and bank snagging project on the Tensas River, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, with this project, it will be necessary to use heavy equipment along the top of the river bank.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Tensas Basin Levee District to use a 25 foot wide right-of-way across the Commission's property presently being used as a public boat launching ramp site, located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 23, T-11-N, R-9-E, Franklin Parish, Louisiana. Approval is hereby granted provided the Tensas Basin Levee District agrees to cause no damage to the Commission's boat launching ramp, access route, or parking area and furthermore, that the site will be restored

to the original condition after completion of project. Said conditions shall be for the protection and interest of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's property as mentioned above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey continued by telling the Commission of another request received from the Tensas Basin Levee District dealing with a land damage release which is necessary in connection with the construction of the Catahoula Lake diversion channel, levee, and interior drainage. Mr. Yancey said the Catahoula Lake Diversion canal will cross the Commission owned Saline Wildlife Management Area and the levee that will be built on the north side will offer flood protection to about 11,000 acres of the Game Management Area. Mr. Yancey therefore, recommended the Commission's approval on granting the Tensas Basin Levee District the land damage release.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Tensas Basin Levee District has applied for donation of land damage releases in connection with the Catahoula Lake Diversion Channel, levee, and interior drainage, reaches 2 and 3, tract nos. 10, 12, 13, and 14, on lands owned by the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, and

WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake Diversion Channel and Levee is now under construction and will cross the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize its Director to sign any and all documents in connection with the donation of land damage releases to the Tensas Basin Levee District on those lands described as follows:

Tract No. 10 - Catahoula Parish

Township 5 North, Range 5 East, Section 17	0.04 acres
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Tract No. 12 - LaSalle Parish

Township 5 North, Range 4 East, Section 1	104.95 acres
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Township 6 North, Range 4 East,	"	28	7.30	"
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Tract No. 13 - LaSalle Parish

Township 6 North, Range 4 East, Section 25	34.20 acres
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"	"	"	26	25.48	"
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Tract No. 14 - Catahoula Parish

Township 6 North, Range 5 East, Section 30

1.04 acres

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any fences presently being utilized by the Commission will be maintained and/or satisfactorily relocated during the construction phases of this project to prevent intrusion of livestock from surrounding areas.

Mr. Yancey continued by stating that an application had been received from the Mustang Oil Company for a mineral lease on a 1,200 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, Ouachita Parish. Mr. Yancey recommended Commission approval to request the State Mineral Board to process these mineral leases as they have been the State Agency which has acted in behalf of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on such matters in the past.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application dated September 19, 1968, from Mr. Sam A. Freyer, acting as agent for the Mustang Oil Company, for a mineral lease on a 1,200 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in Ouachita Parish, described as follows:

E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 34 and west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35 (lying west of Bayou Boeuf) T19N, R5E, Ouachita Parish; that portion of Section 2 lying west of Bayou Boeuf, less SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, all in T18N, R5E, containing approximately 1,200 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the processing of mineral leases on Commission owned

lands is carried out by the State Mineral Board, and

WHEREAS, the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission owns one-half of the minerals on this property.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission hereby requests the State Mineral Board to solicit bids for a mineral lease on the 1,200 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Areas as described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this be done at the next regular meeting of the Mineral Board, or as soon thereafter as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached copy of rules and regulations be made a part of any mineral lease that may be issued by the State Mineral Board on this 1,200 acre tract.

Chairman Jones stated that the Mineral Board has requested that members of the Commission be present at the Mineral lease sale. Chairman Jones appointed Mr. Ed Kyle and himself as the Committee to be present at the Mineral Board meeting when the date is announced.

Mr. Yancey told the Commission of the request received from Mr. Sam A. Freyer, attorney representing the Ouachita Farm Corporation, asking the Commission to release its jurisdiction over the management of the privately owned minerals as set forth in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area deed dealing with the supervision and management of the privately owned minerals on the area. Mr. Yancey said the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission when requesting the State Mineral Board to advertise mineral leases does so only

in behalf of the mineral interests that is owned by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission which is 50%. However, Mr. Yancey stated, there is a clause in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area Act of Sale delegating the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the authority to supervise and manage all mineral rights on the area. Mr. Yancey suggested the Commission request the attorney to render an opinion on the matter as to the exact course of action to legally permit the owners of said lands to advertise for their privately owned minerals. The State Mineral Board prefers not to handle the sale of the privately owned minerals on this area and if they did then it still would be highly complicated for the Commission to administrate and disburse revenues to the proper persons. Mr. Latimer, attorney for the Mineral Board feels that we would be better off to let the private owners handle their own minerals but this can be done only by a release from the Commission and Mr. Peter Duffy, Commission Attorney, has been asked to make a thorough study of this matter and give an opinion as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral Board has, in the past, advertised for the bids on mineral leases in behalf of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's interest which is one-half of the mineral ownership of the land, and

WHEREAS, a clause is contained in the document between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the Ouachita Farms

Corporation, for that portion of land known as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, whereby the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is given the authority to supervise and manage all mineral rights with half of the royalty payments allotted to the previous owners and the other half designated for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Commission's attorney to study and research the legality as to any alternatives which can be made to resolve the mineral leasing of privately owned mineral rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission attorney is hereby directed to report to the Commission as to the findings on this matter.

Chairman Jones called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained that a legislative committee was formed to study the problems of the shell industry economics in Louisiana and a detailed report has been compiled giving data on this subject dating back to 1913 and continuing to present time. The report, Dr. St. Amant said, gives the basis and extent of the legal authority governing this industry, a comparison of the industry with that of other states, as well as giving interested groups other complete information on the Louisiana shell industry. Dr. St. Amant explained it would be even more helpful and beneficial to have a companion report compiled, possibly by the Research Division of the College

of Business Administration of L. S. U. This companion report would deal with the shell industry's impact on the states' economy.

Further it would study the possibility of changes in the amount of royalty charged, and the method of negotiating shell leases.

Dr. St. Amant said the study would be conducted on an impartial basis by a group of professional people, for a period of about six (6) months, with the estimated cost being approximately \$12,012.00.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, a report has been compiled by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission dealing with the Louisiana shell industry, giving statistical information from 1913 to present date, and

WHEREAS, it has been found that it would be most beneficial if a companion report were compiled on the Louisiana shell industry giving various information such as the industry's impact on the economy, royalty charges, method of negotiating shell leases, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authorization for the Research Division of the College of Business Administration of L. S. U. to compile a report on the Louisiana shell industry, which is to be a companion report to that which was compiled by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Said companion report is estimated to take a period of six (6) months for completion, with the estimated cost being \$12,012.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby

authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones requested Mr. Joe Herring to explain the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said the Commission has been notified by Mr. Joe Gladney, Baton Rouge attorney, that his client, Mr. Robert W. Lloyd, has requested that necessary action be taken to procure a quit claim deed on a three (3) acre tract of land located on the Commission's Waddill Recreational Area, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Herring explained the Waddill Recreational Area was willed to the Commission by the late Frank Waddill and title to the land was conveyed by Mr. Waddill's attorney. At the time the title was conveyed to the Commission, Mr. Herring said, it was not realized that this 3 acre portion of land had been sold, thereby deleting it from the will of Frank Waddill. Mr. Herring said a copy of the Act of Sale document is registered in the East Baton Rouge Parish records, therefore, he recommended Commission approval deleting this acreage from the Waddill Recreational Area.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Frank H. Waddill, by deed acknowledged on October 18, 1941, and recorded in Conveyance Book 503, of folio 245, official records of East Baton Rouge Parish, sold to Robert W. Lloyd, a certain 3 acre tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in the tenth (10th) Ward of this Parish, about ten (10) miles by the Greenwell Springs and Flanary Roads from the City of Baton Rouge, designated by the letter "R" on a sketch of survey by vendor herein, dated at New Orleans, 30th September, 1941, a blue print copy of which is hereto annexed, beginning at a distance of five hundred (500) feet from the brick chimney on the South side of the residence of vendor, and measuring on South side of the residence of vendor, and measuring on its Western side, ab, a frontage of four hundred (400) feet on the Flanary Road, which road is about thirty (30) feet wide and is taken off the Western side of Sec. 29 T 11 S R 2 E, a depth on the Northern side from (a) to (d), of three hundred and thirty six (336) feet, a depth on the Southern side from (b) to (c), of three hundred and eighteen (318) feet, and a width in the rear from (c) to (d) of four hundred (400) feet, five (5) inches, said side lines being perpendicular to the said Flanary Road, bounded on the front or Western side by the Flanary Road, which separates it from the line between Sec. 29 belonging to vendor and Sec. 52 belonging now or formerly to Mrs. Ada Dearing Lloyd, which said Mrs. Lloyd acquired from said Mrs. Nora P. Dearing, bounded on the North, South and East sides by remainder of a tract of 236.64 acres of land belonging to vendor, the whole of Sec. 29 and parts of Sec. 32 of said township having been acquired by inheritance by vendor from his mother, Mrs. Nora P. (Gaulden) Dearing, as per judgment of Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, in the matter of Succession of said Mrs. Nora P. Dearing, putting said Frank H. Waddill in possession of said Farm of 236.64 acres, which said tract was originally acquired by Mrs. Nora P. (Gaulden) Waddill, then widow of Hugh T. Waddill from the sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish by act of record in Book 11, folio 503, of the conveyance records of the said Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

and,

WHEREAS, Fernand C. Gandolfo, as the duly qualified executor of the Succession of Frank H. Waddill, by act of donation dated June 17, 1958, and recorded in Conveyance Book 1373 of folio 396

of the Official Records of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, donated to all interested parties and the Commission a larger tract of land, out of which the above described 3 acre tract had previously been sold; and,

WHEREAS, All interested parties and the Commission desire to clarify the public records of the Parish of East Baton Rouge pertaining to the 3 acre tract sold to Robert W. Lloyd as above described, and,

WHEREAS, an abstract of the title of the real estate property described indicates that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has no interest in the 3 acre tract sold by Frank H. Waddill to Robert W. Lloyd on October 18, 1941.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission through its Director, Leslie L. Glasgow, formally acknowledges it has no proprietary interest whatsoever in the real estate herein described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Director, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that field personnel of District IV have inspected and checked the old buildings, dwellings, etc. on the Red River Wildlife Management Area finding most of them unsuitable for Commission use. There were a total of 14 buildings located on the premises. He explained it would be prohibitive in cost for the Commission to tear these facilities

down and salvage the lumber. Mr. Herring therefore recommended Commission approval to request the Louisiana Division of Administration the sale of these buildings to the highest bidder. He also added that the structures should be sold individually giving the original tenants an opportunity to purchase their structure which they originally occupied.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased from the Maxwell heirs a certain tract of land presently known as the Red River Wildlife Management Area in Concordia Parish, and

WHEREAS, a total of 14 structures were located on said lands at the time of purchase, and

WHEREAS, the buildings have been inspected and found to be of no use to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as well as finding the cost would be prohibitive for the Commission to tear these structures down and salvage the lumber.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the sale of each of the 14 buildings separately which are presently located on the Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Said structures are to be advertised individually in order to afford the former tenants an opportunity to bid on the building.

which they formerly occupied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission the Chief Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Public Works has notified the Commission that the Contractor, J. T. Richardson Company, Inc. has completed contract No. 5937, for the construction of a concrete boat launching ramp, a gravel surfaced parking area, an approach channel and docking slip, a timber pier and an entrance road on Lake Bistineau in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Herring then recommended Commission approval on the acceptance of completion of this contract and an extension of time be granted to the date of this acceptance in order that a certified copy of the resolution can be filed with the Recorder of Mortgages in Bienville Parish.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5937, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and J. T. Richardson Company, Inc., contractor for the construction of a concrete boat launching ramp, a gravel surfaced parking area, an approach channel and docking slip, a timber pier and an entrance road on Lake Bistineau in Bienville Parish, and has recommended

that same be accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by J. T. Richardson Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5937 with said Commission, dated February 14, 1968, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Bienville, Louisiana.

Next, Mr. Herring told the Commission of the notification received from the Chief Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Public Works on the completion of Contract No. 5929, with Gerald J. Patin, d/b/a Patin's Concrete Works, contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and a parking area on the left descending bank of the Mermentau River at Grand Chenier in Cameron Parish and have recommended that same be accepted with an extension of time also being granted to the date of acceptance. Mr. Herring therefore recommended Commission approval on the acceptance of the completion of this contract and that a certified copy of the resolution be filed with the Recorder of Mortgages of Cameron Parish.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and

Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5929, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Gerald J. Patin, d/b/a Patin's Concrete Works, Contractor in the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and a parking area on the left descending bank of the Mermentau River at Grand Chenier in Cameron Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Gerald J. Patin, d/b/a Patin's Concrete Works, Contractor, under Contract No. 5929 with said Commission, dated November 15, 1967, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring said another notification received from the Chief Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Public Works recommended the acceptance of the completion of Contract No. 5961, with Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and a parking area at the Port of New Iberia on Commercial Canal in Iberia Parish and have also recommended an extension of time be granted to the date of acceptance. Mr. Herring recommended the Commission grant approval on the acceptance of completion of this contract and that a certified copy of the resolution be filed with the Recorder of Mortgages in Iberia Parish.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5961, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and a parking area at the Port of New Iberia on Commercial Canal in Iberia Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5961 with said Commission, dated May 27, 1968, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Iberia, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission the Chief Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Public Works had also sent notification to the Commission of the completion of the construction of the green tree reservoir on the Saline Wildlife Management Area by Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, Inc., under Contract No. 5918. Mr. Herring recommended the Commission's approval on the acceptance of completion and an extension of time to the date

of acceptance in order that a copy of the resolution can be filed with the Recorder of Mortgages in the Parishes of Catahoula and LaSalle.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5918, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc., Contractor in the construction of a levee and control structure on the Saline Wildlife Management Area in Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5918 with said Commission, dated November 10, 1967, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parishes of Catahoula and LaSalle, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission that the Louisiana Division of Administration received the tabulation of bids for the construction of a fence on the Bodcau Wildlife Management

Area. There was a total of four (4) bids received with Hurricane Fence Company of Metairie, Louisiana being the low bidder in the amount of \$24,940.00. Mr. Herring recommended the Commission's approval on the issuance of a contract to the low bidder, since it is a reputable concern and the bid received is in line with the estimated cost of the project.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the construction of a fence on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area for which a total of four bids were received, and

WHEREAS, the low bid received from Hurricane Fence Company has been found to be in line with the estimated cost of the project and the company is a reputable concern.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to award a contract to the low bidder, Hurricane Fence Company of Metairie, Louisiana, in the amount of \$24,940.00 for the construction of a fence on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring next told the Commission that the personnel have

investigated the possibility of leasing 14 acres adjacent to the Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of establishing additional camping grounds thereon. Mr. Herring explained there would be no fees involved in the leases which would be for a period of ten (10) years with an option for renewal for an additional ten (10) years upon expiration of the primary term. Mr. Herring said the acreage is owned by two individuals; twelve (12) acres belong to R. E. Vernon and two (2) acres belong to Jinks S. Williams. Mr. Herring therefore recommended the Commission's approval to enter into these lease agreements.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is in the process of establishing camping areas for free public use on Commission managed and operated lands providing more recreational opportunities for the citizens of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, 14 acres have been located adjacent to the Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area for leasing purposes which would greatly enhance the Jackson-Bienville camping area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree and approve to enter into a ten (10) year lease agreement with Mr. R. E. Vernon for approximately 12 acres of land and Mr. Jinks S. Williams for approximately 2 acres of land, all located in Bienville Parish. The property owned by Mr. R. E. Vernon is more properly described as: Twelve (12) acres,

more or less, situated in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T-16-N, R-4-W. The property owned by Mr. Jinks S. Williams is more properly described as: Two (2) acres, more or less, lying east of State Highway 147, being Arcadia-Jonesboro Highway, containing five (5) acres, but less and except the North three (3) acres. After expiration of the primary ten (10) year lease, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall be given an option to renew said lease for an additional term of ten (10) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring explained to the Commission that the Louisiana Division of Administration advertised for bids on spraying hyacinth by aerial application on a tract of approximately 650 acres, south of Houma. The low bid received was that of Roane Flying Service, Inc. of Jeanerette, Louisiana in the amount of \$4.36 per acre sprayed. Mr. Herring said if the Commission approves of the issuance of a contract, it will be for a period of twelve (12) months beginning September, 1968 and ending in September, 1969.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there is an area of approximately 650 acres, just south of Houma, infested with hyacinths which cover several ponds, lakes and bayous in the area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did

request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids for the spraying by aerial application for the eradication of hyacinths in a specific area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to award a contract to Roane Flying Service, Inc. of Jeanerette, Louisiana in the amount of \$4.36 per acre to spray 2,4-D by aerial application for the eradication of hyacinths on approximately 650 acres of infested ponds, lakes and bayous located just south of Houma, more properly described as follows: on the north by the Intercoastal Canal, on the West by a line running south of Franklin to a line running East on the South Shore of Lake Decade to South Shore of Felix Lake to Houma Navigation Canal, then North along the Houma Navigation Canal to the Intercoastal Canal. Said contract shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring also told the Commission of the proposal to have the Louisiana Department of Highways complete an airplane landing on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said the runway was cleared, however, it is now necessary to have it compacted before it can be utilized. The Highway Department has estimated the cost to be \$802.20 for the completion of this project; therefore, Mr. Herring recommended Commission approval on this matter.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, under Title 48 Section 215 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, provides that, when, in the opinion of the Director such work will reasonably further the best interest of the state, the Department of Highways may perform all or any part of same, including construction and improvement of roads, streets, bridges and culverts which are under the jurisdiction of any department, institution, agency, commission, political subdivision or political corporation of the state, as well as all school bus routes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Department of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that, the Department of Highways is hereby requested to perform construction work as described hereinafter on a public road or street, with the Maintenance Forces of the Department of Highways.

Department to furnish two tractors, sheepfoot roller, cultipacker, water truck and personnel to aid in base compaction on airport runway of Saline Wild Life Management Area Airport approximately three miles west of Walters and State Route 28, LaSalle Parish.

ESTIMATED COST: \$802.20

The above construction work shall be undertaken and performed on the following terms and conditions:

1. This resolution constitutes the entire agreement between the said Department and the Department of Highways.
2. The construction work shall be performed under the sole supervision of the Maintenance Section and with the personnel, equipment and material which, in its opinion, are required for the satisfactory completion thereof.

3. Notice to the said Department by mail of the completion of said work shall constitute final discharge of the obligations of the Department of Highways under this agreement.
4. Effective on the date of the notice of completion to the said Department by the Department of Highways, the Department shall assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the construction work performed under this agreement.

The next item on the agenda, Mr. Herring said is a request from the Rapides Parish Police Jury for approval to construct an access bridge on the west side of the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said Commission personnel have studied this proposal and found it to be in order. This access road would alleviate the problem of the people from Rapides Parish having to travel a considerable distance in order to gain access to this area. The Rapides Parish Police Jury has agreed to furnish all necessary materials, supplies and labor in the event the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission should agree to the proposal.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Saline Wildlife Management Area receives a high degree of utilization by the sportsmen of the neighboring areas, and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has requested permission to construct an access bridge on the west side of the Saline Wildlife Management Area which shall provide better and more practical access to the area by sportsmen residing in the Rapides Parish area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission and approval to

the Rapides Parish Police Jury to construct an access bridge on the west side of the Saline Wildlife Management Area. It shall be understood also that the Rapides Parish Police Jury shall furnish all necessary materials, supplies and labor for the construction of same.

Mr. Herring stated to the Commission there is a possibility of purchasing additional land for the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. The tract is located on Water Lake which is adjacent to the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area and presently owned by Mr. Prevot of Hollandale, Mississippi. Mr. Herring said the acreage in question would total to approximately 280 to 300 acres. If Commission approval is granted, he said, the additional land would greatly enhance waterfowl development on the lower portion of the wildlife management area. Mr. Herring therefore recommended Commission authorization to investigate the possibility of acquiring this land.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, due to the ever increasing population and clearing of land for agricultural and industrial purposes, the wilderness for wildlife and fisheries habitat is rapidly disappearing, and

WHEREAS, in the interest and preservation of the state's natural resources, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is in the process of exhlarating a program to acquire and increase wildlife management areas of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and

Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Commission personnel to investigate the possibility of negotiating a land purchase of approximately 280 to 300 acres which are owned by Mr. Prevot of Hollandale, Mississippi. Said land is located on Water Lake, adjacent to the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Herring then explained the request of Mr. Earl Barham. On September 23, 1968, Mr. Barham appeared before the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission requesting a doe deer season be set for the Coulee Refuge area in Morehouse Parish. Mr. Herring said the area is experiencing a deminishing range and an increase in deer population. Mr. Herring therefore recommended the Commission grant approval to have a doe deer season in the specified area, provided the Morehouse Parish Police Jury approves of the establishing of this season. The area would cover the entire Coulee Refuge which is owned by Mr. Earl Barham and his sister, as well as the surrounding perimeter area owned by the Barham Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Coulee Refuge is under the ownership of Mr. Earl Barham and his sister, with lands located on the perimeter of the refuge being owned by the Barham Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned area is experiencing deer damage preventing the proper regeneration of timber, due to a deminishing range and an increase in deer population, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Earl Barham presented a request, in behalf of the

owners, for a doe deer season to be held in the Coulee Refuge area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, if the Morehouse Parish Police Jury should honor the request of Mr. Earl Barham in the establishment of a doe deer season in the Coulee Refuge area, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall so concur in acting upon the approval of same, as in accordance with the law.

Dr. Glasgow commented on the attendance of the meeting thanking all of those present for taking time away from their schedule of daily routines to come to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's meeting and dedication ceremonies. He also commended the Commission employees for contributing to the success of the meeting.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission and recognized Mr. Reiley Lafoon.

Mr. Lafoon introduced himself as representing the Ouachita Hunters Association and the Northeast Coon Hunters Association. He thanked the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for allowing and contributing to a very successful coon hunt which was held on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Lafoon said there were approximately 30 to 40 coons taken during the past season.

Mr. Jimmie Thompson then referred to the informal session held on Monday, September 23rd, where Senator Jumonville, Representative Esper Marionneaux, and Representative Robert L. Freeman presented a request before the Commission that they had received numerous complaints from their constituents relative to the forthcoming deer

season for the parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge. When the deer seasons were established by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission a few months ago, these parishes were scheduled to have a doe deer season which would be the first time in its deer season history for these respective parishes. Mr. Thompson therefore, made a motion for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to make an immediate investigation by conducting a survey of the area, and in particular those lands used by hunting clubs, before the deer season opens in order for the Commission personnel to determine the proper season to be held in the area.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on Monday, September 23, 1968, State Senator J. E. Jumonville, State Representative Esper Marionneaux, and State Representative Robert L. Freeman appeared before the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission representing the citizens of Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes who vigorously objected to the doe deer seasons established for the area for the 1968-69 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Commission personnel to make an immediate investigation by conducting a survey on those hunting lands in the Parishes of Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge to determine the deer population in those certain areas.

The survey shall be made prior to the opening of the 1968-69 deer season in order that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission may establish the proper biological season for these areas.

Mr. Thompson then told the Commission he had been out of town for a few days; however, upon his return he noticed an article in the Alexandria Town Talk written by Don Howze relative to saving Mount Bayou. He said that there is a project in progress which means this area would be drained within the next three to five days, if the Commission does not take action to alleviate this problem. Mr. Thompson then asked Mr. Yancey if Item No. 7 on the agenda, pertaining to the land damage release for the Tensas Basin Levee District, had any connection with the project on Mount Bayou.

Mr. Yancey stated that Mount Bayou had no connection with this particular land damage release.

Dr. Glasgow commented that most people refer to this area as Cross Bayou and Big Bayou.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

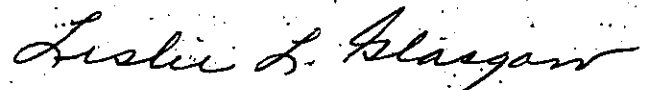
WHEREAS, a project is in progress in the Mount Bayou area which would, in effect, drain the bayou making it unavailable for utilization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Commission personnel to launch an immediate investigation to arrest the draining of Mount Bayou, more commonly known as Cross Bayou and Big Bayou,

in order that utilization of the area will not be impaired.

Dr. Glasgow then announced that immediately following the Commission meeting there would be a short dedication ceremony and open house at the new Monroe District Office.

Chairman Jones then asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission. There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned.



Leslie L. Glasgow
Director